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Pace, MS 38764
October 14, 2011

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Dear Post Master

POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

I am, Clotee W. Washington, a citizen of Pace, MS. I have lived here all of my life and we have always had the convenience of a local Post Office. Being able to get your mail at your convenience is not just a staple that we depend on, it is our lively hood.

If our Post Office closed, here are some of the problems that we would face as a community:

1. The elderly would not have the convenience of getting their mail safely. Right now, it is in their Post Office Box until they give some one their key to get it for them.
2. The elderly could not purchase stamps or mail packages and receive their change the same day. This goes for all of us.
3. Cleveland Post Office is 10 miles away. That is too far to go for your mail. I would not even think of having a box outside my home, not in Pace. As soon as the delivery person would leave, so would my mail. It is just not safe and Cleveland is too far away to just check your mail.
4. Suppose I had several reasons to go to the Post Office in the same day? Cleveland??
5. Quite a few people do not have transportation who would not want a mail box outside their home.
6. We would not have the convenience of going to the Post Office whenever there was a need for one of the services that a local Post Office provides.
7. Route mail delivery is not convenient at all!!!!!!!Especially when we already have a local Post Office.
8. What if I was receiving a large box too large for the box outside my home, and I worked everyday, like I do, when would I receive my box? I do not trust anyone enough for you to leave it with them. Or if I was mailing a large box, when could I mail it?
9. I do not see any good reasons for the Post Office to be closed. The salaries of the Post Masters have been mentioned, but don't you think that the convenience of the people out weigh the concerns for the salaries of the Post Masters?
10. I DO HEREBY APPEAL THE DECISION TO CLOSE THE PACE POST OFFICE.

Thank you,


Clotee W. Washington

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Office of PAGR

Optional Comment Form

Following are comments I wish to make concerning the proposed discontinuance of the PACE Post Office.

1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

The elderly in our community would definitely be affected by the change. And getting their mail at the house would be like giving it to the thieves in our community, because there are some who can not get outside to get their mail until someone sets there to give it to them.

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

It would be a great inconvenience on all of us who work and are not home at the time of mail delivery and very inconvenient when we need money orders or trying to mail a package and just buying stamps. WE just need a Post Office Period!!!

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

1. The elderly 2. the safety of the mail once it is placed in boxes outside the residence 3. the need to purchase stamps and money orders 4. the need to mail packages. the need to safely receive our mail.

Clotia W. Washington

Name of Postal Customer

Clotia W. Washington

Signature of Postal Customer

P.O. Box 188

Mailing Address

Pacy MS 38764

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Dear Post Master

POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
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I am, Vietta A. Leflore, a citizen of Pace, MS. I have lived here all of my life and we have always had the convenience of a local Post Office. Being able to get your mail at your convenience is not just a staple that we depend on, it is our lively hood.

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Vietta A. Leflore

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we could not purchase stamps and money orders in a timely fashion, the elderly would not have the convenience of getting their mail before someone else got it!!

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1, not being able to purchase money orders & stamps the same day
2, the elderly would really be affected adversely
3, mail would not be safe at all
4. We need the convenience of a Post Office.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

1, Mail Safety
2, Elderly being affected adversely, very much so.
3, Convenience of a Post office and its services
4, Cleburn Post Office is 10 miles away!! very inconvenient

Name of Postal Customer

Vivita A. Leflore

Signature of Postal Customer

Vivita A. Leflore

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Office of PAGR

**Christopher T. Hall
DBA/4-H Trucking
P. O. Box 83
Pace, MS 38764
October 17, 2011**

Dear Postmaster:

I have been a part of this community since 1972. Our small town is now incorporated. We have a Town Hall that was erected after we were incorporated, and we have a mayor and five aldermen. Having to conduct business in another town takes away our sense of integrity. This might even affect the town's ability to secure various grants for our town. When feasibility studies are conducted they take into consideration the existence of various entities in the community. A town operating without a post office has no voice.

I do not want to see our post office close for the following reasons:

1. Our senior citizens enjoy getting out walking (those who are able to walk) to the post office every day or every other day to get their mail. This is really the only reason why some of our seniors leave the house during the week days. This gives them a sense of independence. You take this away and they feel as though they have no reason to leave the house, and it will also take away their independence and have them depending on other people to take them to a post office just to get their mail.
2. Erecting a mail box in front of the person's house is not safe in the Town of Pace. This will be something new to the people and they will explore various means of tampering with other people mail. We do have people who walk the streets without jobs. It is not safe to leave money in your mailbox for the carrier to purchase money orders or stamps.
3. There are a few established businesses in the Town of Pace or operates out of this town with a Pace address. Being in the trucking business and having to change my address may affect the location of my business with the Department of Transportation in the state of Mississippi and the United States Department of Safety. There are reports sent through the mail system that need to be completed and

- filed by various deadlines. During the transition period it is very much possible that some of my very important mail might get dislocated.
4. I receive my compensation for my trucking business through the mail. Now I will have to take the time from the business operations and drive approximately 8 or 10 miles just to get the mail or mail something.
 5. In addition to the trucking business, my wife also is secretary of our church. She handles the day-to-day operations for the church. Now she will have to change her routine in taking care of the day-to-day operations of these two entities.

You also listed as a disadvantage having to meet the rural or contract delivery carrier at the box to transact business. You said it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions. To safely transact Postal Service business, I think the citizen needs to be present to do that. The citizens will not feel comfortable leaving money in a rural box for the contract delivery person. When money orders are purchased you need to be there to receive the money order once the carrier returns with it. I don't want to have a blank money order left in my mailbox until I get home.

You also mentioned that a carrier route address will be assigned. Will this address be the same as my physical address I have now? If not, then this is really going to be a problem. I will have to complete and send change of address forms to so many companies.

Is it possible to have the Post Office opened a half day? Let's say for instance, the Postmaster in the small town of Beulah work in the town of Beulah half the day and work in Pace the other half.

With all being said, I hereby appeal the closing of the Pace Post Office in Pace, Mississippi.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Hall".

Christopher T. Hall

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Office of PAGR

Mrs. Linda W. Hall

P. O. Box 83

Pace, MS 38764

October 17, 2011

Dear Postmaster:

I have lived in the Pace area all of my life. Our small town is incorporated. We have a Town Hall that was erected after we were incorporated, and we have a mayor and five aldermen. Having to conduct business in another town takes away our sense of integrity. This might even affect the town's ability to secure various grants for our town. When feasibility studies are conducted they take into consideration the existence of various entities in the community. A town operating without a post office has no voice.

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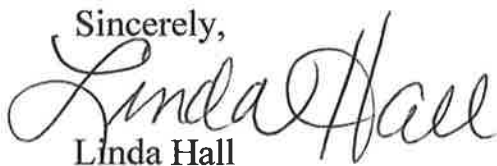
You mentioned a savings to the postal system, but it is not a savings to the people. Citizens without transportation will have to pay somebody just to take them to the post office. Please take into consideration the cost of transportation these days. I don't understand the breakdown of the economic savings you mentioned in your docket number 1376546-38764. How many locations were included in your breakdown?

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Sincerely,

Linda Hall

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Office of PAGR

Charles Walker
PO Box 96
Pace, MS 38764
October 17, 2011

Dear Postmaster:


I will be 83 years old on November 24 of this year. I have lived in the Pace area all of my life. Our town is small but we are now incorporated. I have been going to the Post Office in the Town of Pace checking my mail for a very, very long time. I have not depended on anybody else to get my mail for me. Now that I am 82, I do not drive anymore, but I now get my exercise by walking to the Post Office. Now you are talking about taking that away from me.

I do not want to see our post office close for the following reasons:

1. As a senior citizen I enjoy getting out walking (some of us are not able to walk) to the post office every day or every other day to get my mail. This is really the only reason why some of us leave the house during the week days. This keeps me from having to depend on somebody else to take me to the post office just to check my mail. I live on a small fixed income and I do not have money to pay somebody to take me to the Post Office.
2. If you put a mail box in front of my house, I will not feel safe leaving money in the mailbox for the mail carrier to buy money orders for me or stamps. We do have people who walk the streets without jobs, so it is not safe to leave money in your mailbox for the carrier.
3. Most of us senior citizens have regular doctor appointments each month. Sometimes we will be gone from the house when the carrier arrives with the mail, especially on the day we receive our check, and we are not there to get the check before a street walker comes by and get it.
4. If the Post Office is closed, most of us senior citizens will have to resort to a rural box because it takes paperwork to get addresses changed. Some of us with our limited education will have to depend on somebody else to do all of this for us. Closing the Post Office will just cause all kinds of problems for senior citizens. Please think about us.

With all being said, I hereby appeal the closing of the Pace Post Office in Pace, Mississippi.

Sincerely,


Charles Walker

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Mamie Clark
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With all being said, I hereby appeal the closing of the Pace Post Office in Pace, Mississippi.

Sincerely,



Mamie Clark

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Pace, Mississippi 38764
662-723-6375

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Washington, DC 20268-0001

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Office of PAGR

Dear Postal Service:

Closing the Pace Post Office will cause a lot of elderly low income people a lot of hardship and extra expenses just to get their mail.

A lot of the community are old and sickly. They can't afford to buy gas to go 10 miles away to get their mail. If mail is delivered to them its just going to be stole by the young hoodlums who lay in wait for just this opportunity.

Closing the post office for such a small amount of money it cost to run it isn't good business when its going to cost the community, who are tax payers, and whose tax dollars goes to pay for the post office, much, much more in dollars for gasoline, time wasted and the dangers faced daily going to another community to pickup mail.

I, hold heartedly, repeal the decision to close the Pace Post Office, and ask that a more serious look be taken over and above justifying \$52,000 which really isn't a true saving. Once the gasoline and the mail carrier's salary and extra time is figured in for servicing Pace then I doubt the saving will be even \$10,000.

Sincerely,



Robert LeFlore, Jr.

October 19, 2011

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901 New York Avenue NW
Suite 200
Washington, DC 20268-0001

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Dear Sirs/Madam:

I'm writing this letter to you in lieu of the potential closing of the post office in Pace, MS. The closing of the post office will cause much stress to the residents of Pace, MS. I, personally, will have to go through a lot of changes. I buy my stamps, buy money orders to pay my rent, and also help some of the elders. I also get all of my packages delivered to the post office, some of them are large. The closing of the post office in Pace will be a total disaster to the elderly.

I, Arie Roland, hereby appeal the closing of the post office in Pace, Ms.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arie Roland".

Arie Roland
P.O. Box 25
609 Jenny Washington St. – Apt. 7
Pace, MS 38764

ROBERT LEFLORE, SR.
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Pace, Mississippi 38764
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Closing the Pace Post Office will have a negative effect on Pace and surrounding community. The closing is a nail in the community's coffin and literally dooms its existence.

No advantages in cost savings is achieved by closing the Post Office. The Community is going to be burdened many times over through the cost in buying gasoline, lost of man hours going for postal services outside the community, loss of personal, business and recreational time, and the worry and constant concern over the security of their mail brought on by closing the Post Office. This far out weights any advantages of taking a retail establishment out of an already depressed the community. The Post Office is the life blood of the community.

No matter how you stress advantages of providing mail services through rural mail carriers it doesn't measure up to the advantage of a community having its own Post Office, a place where community residents can gather daily, receive their mail and feel safe that their Federal Government is working for them and not against them

An annual savings of \$52,479.00, quoted by the Postal Service and hardly believable for Pace, is hardly worth the inconvenience caused 500 people. This means that the cost per person is only about \$105.00 per year or \$8.75 per month or \$0.29 per day. Seriously, if this is what the Postal Service is looking at, as making a difference, then maybe they should get out of the postal service business and go into some other service. This is truly not a valid justification to close our Post Office. This is taxation without representation. We too are tax payers and expect the same quality of service as our urban counterparts. Where do we get the services for our tax dollars?

Closing Pace Post Office is morally wrong. Senior citizens who have lived and worked all their lives, paid taxes and expect to live out their lives in a community where they have paid for the services are, all of a sudden, because of an unfair justification, have to endure without. Truth be told, this miniscule amount can easily be absorbed from urban areas who can afford it or from those areas in the Postal Service's Budget which always seem to be top heavy, people running around with nothing to do.

No advantage can justify taking away the Post Office, an American Basic Right. I, therefore, appeal the Postal Service's decision to close the Pace Post Office

Sincerely,



Robert LeFlore, Sr.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I, Mrs. Marie Washington, do hereby appeal the closing of the post office in Pace, MS.

It is of great concern that you are trying to do this. I am 91 years of age and you are trying to take me through more changes than I am already going through. I buy a book of stamps a month, buy money orders, and get all of my packages delivered to the post office. It's hard for me as it is, especially since I need help in getting around. Having to go to Cleveland or some other town to get my mail or packages would be too much for me.

I thank you in advance for not closing the post office in Pace, MS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marie Washington". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Mrs. Marie Washington
P.O. Box 24
420 Jennie R. Washington St.
Pace, MS 38764

Ruthie Williams Hall

Post Office Box 93

Pace, Mississippi 38764

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Office of PAGR

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Ruthie Williams Hall and I am a lifelong resident in the town of Pace, Mississippi. Please consider this appeal in the closing of the Pace Post Office as we have great pride in our Post Office and have always had a Post Office in our town.

The Pace Post Office has been a valuable asset to the citizens of Pace and the surrounding communities. There are many older citizens in this community who are not able to travel outside of town for various reasons to get their mail, buy stamps, money orders, send and receive packages. The closing of the Post Office would put undue hardship on these citizens.

The Post Office is an integral part of this community and surrounding communities and it closing will be losing the name of our town as well.

The Post Office provides delivery and retail service to 201 PO Box or general delivery customers. In order to keep our Post Office and cut down on annual expenses, the Post Office could service our town and surrounding communities 3 days a week instead of 6 days a week and it could be serviced by a rural route carrier.

The Pace Post Office is too important for us to let it go under.

Sincerely yours,


Ruthie Williams Hall